

**Physician Services**

**28-39-155.** Physician services. Each resident in a nursing facility shall be admitted and shall remain under the care of a physician.

(a) The facility shall ensure that both of the following conditions are met:

(1) The medical care of each resident is supervised by a physician.

(2) Another physician supervises the medical care of residents when the resident's attending physician is not available.

(b) The physician shall perform the following duties:

(1) At the time of the resident's admission to the facility, provide orders for the immediate care of the resident, current medical findings, and diagnosis. The physician shall provide a medical history within seven days after admission of the resident;

(2) review the resident's total program of care, including medications and treatments at each visit;

(3) write, sign, and date progress notes at each visit; and

(4) sign all written orders at the time of the visit and all telephone orders within seven days of the date the order was given.

(c) A physician shall see the resident for all of the following:

(1) If it is necessary due to a change in the resident's condition determined by the physician or licensed nursing staff;

(2) if the resident or legal representative requests a physician visit; and

(3) at least annually.

(d) The physician may delegate resident visits to an advanced registered nurse practitioner or a physician assistant.

(e) At admission, the resident or the resident's legal representative shall designate the hospital to which the resident is to be transferred in a medical emergency. If the resident's

attending physician does not have admitting privileges at the designated hospital, the facility shall assist the resident or the resident's legal representative in making arrangements with another physician who has admitting privileges to assume the care of the resident during hospitalization. This information shall be available on the resident's clinical record.

(f) Death of resident. The nursing facility shall obtain an order from a physician before allowing removal of the body of a deceased resident. (Authorized by and implementing K.S.A. 39-932; effective Nov. 1, 1993; amended Feb. 21, 1997; amended Nov. 26, 2001.)